



Benefits for Youth in State's Care (Committed)

Type of Benefit	Eligibility	How it Helps	Application Process	Contact
LYFT IL Skills Curriculum	Committed youth 18 -21 years old.	Online Independent Living Skills curriculum covering: Getting and Keeping a Job, Communication Skills, Independent Living, Personal Finance, and Resiliency. Youth receive a \$250 e-gift card for completion	Kyrise.ky.gov	Regional ILS
Education Assistance	Committed DCBS/foster care youth 18-21 who either: - Live in college dorm -or- - Are completing vocational/trade school not offered at a state college.	Assists with expenses for completing vocational and/or college/university program not covered by the Tuition Waiver or Financial aid. (Pell, KEES, Scholarships, etc.).	Regional Independent Living Specialist completes DPP-103 & approved by central office.	Regional ILS
Tuition Waiver	- DCBS Youth who are in foster care on 18th birthday w/ H.S. diploma or GED. - Must begin program within 4 years of receiving H.S. Diploma or GED.	Waives the cost of tuition & mandatory fees at any KY public college or university. Good for up to 150 earned credits or until the student is 28 years old (for undergraduate & grad programs).	Tuition Waiver Form completed by youth & submitted to school's bursar or financial aid office.	Regional ILS
Earn and Learn	DCBS Youth between 18 – 21 years old.	- Paid hourly wage to pursue GED or vocational/trade credential. - Assistance with educational costs not covered by financial aid. - \$250 Incentive for earning credential.	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Fostering	DCBS Youth between 18-21	- Paid 10-week internship.	Applications	Regional

Success	with H.S. Diploma or GED.	- Professional development and career planning support.	accepted annually in early spring.	ILS
Housing	DCBS youth between 18-21 years old.	- Options include foster home, pre-independent living program, scattered site apartment program or college campus. - Scattered Site: 18-21 with a HS Diploma. Stable/Mature. - Enrolled in full-time educational program, working full-time or both part-time.	Will be expected to meet with case manager, follow program guidelines, seek employment or participate in educational program.	Social Worker
Youth Development Funds	DCBS youth between 14-21 years old.	- Funds to help w/ extracurricular And enrichment activities including: > Sports, clubs, etc. > Driver's Education > Transportation > Employment > College Preparation > Genetic Testing > Storage/Moving > Education and > Second Chance Scholarship	Youth development Request form along with itemized receipt or invoice.	Regional ILS
Free Cellphone	DCBS youth 13 – 17 years old (certain placements excluded).	- Free Smart Phone - Unlimited Talk and Text on T-Mobile Network.	Youth should contact their Aetna SKY Case Manager to apply. DCBS Social Worker approval Required.	Aetna Sky Case manager 1-855-300-5528
Free Laptop	DCBS youth 18 – 21 years old.	- Free Laptop.	Youth should contact their SKY Case Manager to apply.	SKY Case Manager
Car Insurance	- DCBS youth 16 – 19 years old(19 th birthday). - Driver's License.	-Reimburse caregiver for cost of adding youth to policy. -Reimburse youth for individual policy.	-PCC/FP should submit receipts & policy to regional billing clerk (preferably quarterly).	Regional ILS
Healthcare Benefits	Youth who are in care on 18th birthday.	- Youth are eligible to maintain Medicaid until 26 years old.	Youth leaving state's care on or after their 18th birthday need to complete a health care application and submit to CHFSdfscps@ky.gov	Regional ILS
LifeSet	Youth 17-21 years old not placed with a private child care agency; residing in Louisville, Lexington or surrounding	- Case management support to identify and accomplish goals.	Referral submitted by ILS.	Regional ILS

	counties (within 60 miles).			
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*Youth adopted as an adult remain eligible for extended commitment and all other benefits



Benefits for Aged-Out Youth

Type of Benefit	Eligibility	How it Helps	Application Process	Contact
Tuition Waiver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth who were in DCBS custody on their 18th birthday or adopted from state foster care. - Must have H.S. diploma or GED. - Must begin program within 4 years of receiving H.S. diploma or GED. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Waives the cost of tuition & mandatory fees at any KY public college or university. - Good for up to 150 earned credits or until the student is 28 years old (for undergraduate & grad programs). 	Complete Tuition Waiver for Foster & Adopted Children application & submit to college/university.	Regional ILS
Education Training Voucher (ETV)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18-26. - DCBS youth who left care on or after 18th birthday-OR-Adopted on/after 16th birthday. - Enrolled in college/university or job Training program. - Maintain 2.0 GPA or making progress in program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$5,000 yearly maximum (Up to 5 Years or age 26). Note: Cannot be received while in Project Life. 	Complete Education Training Voucher application packet.	Regional ILS
Earn and Learn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ages 18 - 22 years old. - Was in DCBS custody on or after 18th birthday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paid hourly wage to pursue GED or vocational/technical credential. - Supplemental funds to cover cost of books and supplies. 	Applications accepted twice a year in the spring and fall.	Regional ILS

		- Career planning support.		
Fostering Success	- Ages 18 - 22 years old. - Was in DCBS custody on or after 18 th birthday.	- Paid internship. - Professional development and career planning support.	Applications accepted annually in early spring.	Regional ILS
Housing	Project Life: (statewide) - Ages 18.5-23 years old. - Must have been in foster care on 18th birthday. - Need Based. - Must be employed. FUP/FYI: (statewide) - Ages 18-24 years old. - Must have been in DCBS custody Within 90 days of turning 18 years old. - Must be homeless or at risk of homelessness. Mainstream: (87 counties) - Homeless or at risk of homelessness. - Diagnosed disability.	- Project Life: 12 months of rental and utility assistance & case management; employment incentive. - FUP/FYI: 36 months of income based rental assistance. - Mainstream: Permanent income based housing.	Contact Regional ILS.	Regional ILS
Healthcare Benefits	- Ages 18-26 years old. - Must have been in foster care on 18th birthday. - No min/max income requirement.	- Provides Medicaid health insurance.	- Must notify local Medicaid office of changes to address. - Must recertify annually to keep coverage. - For youth who have lost coverage, send application to: CHFSdfscps@ky.gov	Contact Regional ILS with any issues.
Free Laptop	- Ages 18 – 26. - Aetna SKY Members.	Free laptop.	Contact Aetna SKY Case manager.	Aetna SKY Case Manager 1-855-300-5528
After Care Services	- Ages 18-22 years old. - Youth who were in care on 18th birthday. Note: Cannot be used if in Project Life.	- Funds to help with education, employment, housing, emergencies, transportation, medical expenses, and Second Chance Scholarship.	After Care Services Application.	Regional ILS

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LifeSet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ages 18 – 22 years old.- In state's care on 17th birthday.- Exited Care at 16 or older due to reunification, permanent relative custody, fictive kin or adoption.- Resides in Louisville, Lexington or surrounding counties (within 60 miles).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Case management support to identify and accomplish goals.	Referral submitted by ILS.	Regional ILS
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